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NO science is more abstruse than that of government. The impenetrable clouds of political ignorance that has enveloped the world, and rendered the human race wretched for ages, abundantly refutes this assertion. Three fourths of the affairs of society, have arisen from unwholesome political regulations. The inundations of human blood that have deluged the earth in consequence of religious disputes, would have been spared, had man been under the governance of the farritory opinions of equal liberty, that prevail in modern times. If natural equality had been acknowledged, myriads of unhappy, infatuated mortals, who fled their bloodthirsty opposition to, and defence of the pretensions of tyrants, would have lived and obviated the misery which arose from their deaths. The multifarious evils of six thousand years experience, pointed the way to useful discoveries, and brought government to its present perfection. Had not men informed their minds of the past, and profited by the experience of their predecessors, they would still have remained in darkness. Fortunately for us, this has not been the case, *elsewhere* in America, the most enlightened and best informed have been trifled with the offices of legislation, and the happiest effects have been produced.

Government is instituted by the people for their mutual good, and all are equally entitled to a participation of legislation. But as it is inconvenient for all the citizens of a large state, to convene together, for the purpose of framing laws for their governance, it becomes necessary, that a delegation of representatives, from all parts of the state, should be entrusted with that important duty. And in making this delegation they should be particular in selecting persons possessed of talents and virtue; as the only safeguard and security, for the faithful promotion, of their interests. Are all the citizens of Kentucky induced by these motives? sorry am I to acknowledge the converter of this is true. With shame be it told, that there are among us some like Elia, who sold his birthright for a morsel of pottage, who sell their right of suffrage for a drink of grog, a flute of the hand, or a moving of the hat. Others from a ridiculous local prejudice, vote for a candidate no wise qualified, who lives in their own neighborhood, that they may indulge the pitiful pride of boasting that their own part of the country triumphed. Again you will hear persons declaring their intentions of preferring a candidate, because he is an old resident; or perhaps has rendered his country some military services: when possibly he knows no more of the science of legislation, than he does of mending a ploughshare. Such persons must suppose that nothing else appertains to an office than, the reception of the salary, and in filling it, they are granting a sinecure. If I have a piece of business to transact, which I cannot conveniently attend to, and employ my friend to do it, merely because he has rendered me a kindness; alio he knows nothing about it, and is unable to perform it, would not my conduct be very absurd? For my friend's acts of kindness, I should render retribution? but he could not expect me to employ him to transact my business, when his incapacity might do me so much injury. If a citizen deserves well of his country, either in a civil or military capacity, he should receive the approbation of his countrymen, and the pecuniary reward annexed to the office. But to elect an individual to predominate in civil affairs, in consideration of his knowledge in tactics barely, is as incongruous, as to promote an illiterate common soldier to the chief command, as a reward for mere personal bravery, when the consequence might be the destruction of the whole army. Farther, you will hear some giving as a reason for preferring an individual "that he is a mighty clever man, an obliging neighbor, and an industrious farmer," acknowledging at the same time, that he is unlettered, and knows nothing of laws or government. How preposterous is this:—to expect him to mend a law without knowing what it is; or to enact a better without having read the old one. If I was to send my son to this good honest man to learn latin, concluding that he could teach it, he is so clever, and such a good neighbor, it would not be more ludicrous, than the preface of sending such persons to legislate for us. To

fit a man for any mechanical avocation, it is necessary he should serve an apprenticeship; but it would seem all men are born legislators, and as soon as a sufficient capital is accumulated—as soon as a man becomes wealthy enough to get elected he fits up the trade of law making. But however, on the other hand, it may be said, this folly does not universally prevail; there are many who are sensible of the value of wholesome laws; who with our government administered with economy, and who are desirous of maintaining our national responsibility—that our assembly should not disgrace the republican form of government. This class of citizens estimate men by their virtue and talents, they enquire into the fitness of candidates for offices, and make their election accordingly.

A SPECTATOR.

European Intelligence.

England.

LONDON, November 1.

Reports prevail both in France and Germany, that a negotiation for peace has commenced between the French Directory and the Cabinet of Vienna; and those who proceed to speculate on the subject say, that Francis II. is to be recognized as sovereign of the restored Roman Empire on its old basis.

On the frontiers of Italy, particularly in the Genoese territory, the French will, no doubt, continue their endeavors to maintain themselves. The Neapolitan and Papal dominions are almost completely rid of them. The garrison of Ancona, it is supposed, will immediately capitulate, on hearing of the surrender of Rome, and Civita Vecchia.

November 2.

An article from Stuttgart mentions, that the French who had advanced to Old Briach, have been repulsed and forced to repel the Rhine.

The Vienna Court Gazette contains the terms of capitulation of Rome, Civita Vecchia, and Cornetto. The garrisons are to proceed to France. The fall of Ancona is expected to take place immediately. There will then be no more troops in Middle or Lower Italy. The King of Sardinia, it is said, returned to Turin the first of last month.

November 13.

The Dublin mails which arrived yesterday morning inform us, that the Irish Parliament has been further prorogued to the 12th of next month. The proclamation does not state that it is then to meet for the dispatch of business.

In order to reduce the course of exchange upon London, which has for some time past been so much against Ireland, several plans have been submitted to government. A Dublin paper says, that the following has been approved by government. "It is to give currency to the bank of England, and the bank of Ireland notes mutually in both countries, by which means the merchant who has payments to remit to London, instead of paying 12 or 14 per cent. for bills, will be enabled to transact bank paper by post without any loss."

Eight of those members of the Irish house of commons who opposed the introduction of the question of Union in the first instance, have signed public resolutions in its support.

A very considerable and most respectable merchantile Swedish house stopped payment on Tuesday, and yesterday the same misfortune happened to another large house in Fen-church-street.

Lord Keith is going out immediately to take the command of the Mediterranean—Upon his lordship's arrival, Lord Nelson will return to England.

November 15.

Yesterday evening were received the Paris journals to the 5th inst. inclusive—Their contents are by no means uninteresting.

In respect to the affairs of Italy, it appears by the Moniteur, that on the 21st ult, the head-quarters of the French were at Coni, and the advanced guard at Villa Franca, in Piedmont. Ceva was bombarded and Tortona threatened. The Austrians are said to be entirely expelled from the neighborhood of Genoa, and to have suffered some loss in their retreat.

The same papers states, in a letter from Nice, of the 22d ult. that the centre of

the French army is marching forward, and that Suza and Rivoli are again in the hands of the republicans, under the command of gen. Duhefne, who is not above two leagues from Turin. The left wing has also made a movement. A column passed Little Saint Bernard, repulsed the Austrian general Haddicks, corps, and took possession of Aosta, so that the communication between the valley of that name, and the army of Helvetia is about to be re-established.

Letters from Lombardy announce, that detachments are fending from the grand Austrian army in Italy to reinforce Suvarrow and prince Charles in the Grisons and Tyrol.

The French army of the Rhine continues to advance into the interior of Germany—Pittsburgh is again besieged; and by a Telegraphic dispatch from Strasburgh, which has been officially communicated to the two councils, it appears that the enemy entered Stuttgart, the capitol of the Duchy of Wurtemberg, on the 1st inst, having previously taken all the Austrian posts upon the Neckar. Under these circumstances, it has been thought fit to provision & strengthen the fortresses on the Danube, particularly Ulm.—General Massena also affects to have gained some advantages in the Grisons country. Marshal Suvarrow is reported to be ill at Feldkirch, though, in another paper, he is said to have joined general Korffkow. There is no mention made of any new operation on the part of the Archduke, whose army extends from Stockach and Singen towards Villingen, opposite to Schaffhausen and the Brigus. The Moniteur as well as Redaeter assert, that the two commanders are very much dissatisfied with each other.

The Hamburg mails may be expected to contain some important explanations on this subject.

Massena has sent the details of his various battles and victories from October 25 to November 9. Of this our readers have already all the facts; and the letter, which occupies almost the whole space of two Redacteurs, will be interesting only as a piece of history to be compared with the Vienna Gazette.

By the invitation of the Prussian courts, a new congress to be formed at Hildesheim in Westphalia, to which all the princes and states within the line of neutrality are to send deputies, for the purpose of providing for the Prussian army of observation, which is to consist of 45,000 men, without including the Hanoverian troops, who occupy the Upper Wefer.

It is strongly asserted in the most accredited French papers, that the convention signed at Alkmaar, contains secret articles of the greatest importance. Admiral Brux, is ordered to repair instantly to Breit.

The Paris papers report that the French directory has demanded of the Senate of Hamburg, fourteen millions of livres, as a reparation for the injury of delivering up Napper Tandy; and that the Senate is to lay a tax of three per cent. on the value of each state to defray the same.

From the same authority we learn, that the king of Prussia has prohibited the exportation of all gold, as well as the entry of British merchandise, into his dominions.

Twenty-four cardinals have arrived at Venice, but no time is yet fixed for the choice of a Pope.

Sir Sidney Smith continues at the island of Cyprus.

It is asserted that the chancellor of the exchequer has succeeded in his application to the bank for a doaser, as a price for the renewal of their Charter, which has twelve years yet to run. He is to have the loan of three millions for six years without interest.

The very large purchases which are made at the present season of the year for the redemption of the national debt, have begun to have their effect. The funds yesterday rose upwards of half per cent.

In consequence of the general distress among the merchants, it is understood that the bank proposes to extend the period of its discounts, which has hitherto been limited at two months. It is said that the discounts will be extended to 4 months, and even eight months, on security proportionate to the time the bills have to run.

FRANCE.

Council of Five Hundred.

Sitting of Nov. 7.

The President read the following message:

"The Executive Directory has received a telegraphic dispatch from Strasburgh, which it transmits to you with great satisfaction—it is conceived in the following words:

"On the 31st of October the army of the Rhine carried all the posts of the enemy on the Necker. Eight hundred men were made prisoners. The number of killed and wounded is considerable. A great quantity of besieging artillery, of immense magazines, and the city of Stuttgart, are in our power."

ARMY OF DANUBE.

Head-quarters at Zurich, Nov. 3.⁹⁹.
Massena, commander in chief to the Minster at War.

"Citizen Minister, I had given orders to Gen. Soult to repel, in concert with the division under the command of Gen. Loison, all the enemies who might remain on the left bank of the Rhine.

"Gen. Loison left Dijon with the 28th demi-brigade, and was joined at Fleins by the first battalion of the 44th, arrived from Elm, and led by the Adjutant Compte. Gen. Loison marched to Treins, attacked the enemy there, and forced them to retreat to Tamis, while Gen. Mortier with two battalions of the 29th light, and a detachment of the 10th regiment of horse Chasseurs, attacked such of the enemy as remained behind Vettes descending by the Konkel. They opposed a vain resistance; the brave 25th, according to custom, repelled them with their bayonets, and forced them to abandon the frontiers which they occupied. Gen. Mortier carried into execution a charge with his cavalry, by which he made 200 prisoners.

"The enemy sensible of the importance of defending Tamis, assembled all their forces at the defile of Konkel. (These forces consisted of four battalions.) He was anxious at any price to prevent them from penetrating; but a charge of the 25th made at a very critical moment occasioned the rout of the enemy, with the loss of all their positions, and two 3 pounders; 300 prisoners have remained in our possession.

The enemy in the greatest disorder recrossed the Rhine, burning the bridges Reichenau and Fieldburgh with such combustible matter as they had prepared. The junction of the troops of generals Loison, and Mortier took place at that spot.

The result of the whole of these operations is the total expulsion of the enemy's troops who were on the left bank of the Rhine in the Grisons, the capture of two cannon, and 500 prisoners, among whom were nine officers and many killed and wounded.—On our part we had only three killed, and ten wounded. The generals below the highest praise on their troops. All of them did their duty in the most perfect manner.

"MASSENA."

Germany.

Frontiers of Swabia, October 3.

Copy of a declaration made by his imperial majesty, the emperor of all the Russias, to the members of the Germanic empire.

"His imperial majesty the emperor of all the Russias, ever animated with zeal for the cause of sovereigns, and wishing to put a stop to the ravages and disorders which have been spread by the impious government under which France groans, to the remotest countries, being fully determined to dispatch his sea and land forces for the support of the sufferers, and to restore royalty in France, without, however, admitting any partition of that country; to re-establish the ancient forms of government in the United Netherlands, and in the Swiss Cantons; to maintain the integrity of the German empire; and to look for his reward in the happiness and tranquility of Europe: Providence has blessed his arms, and hitherto the Russian troops have triumphed over the enemies of thrones, religion and social order.

"His majesty the emperor of all the Russias having thus declared his views and the motives by which he is guided, addresses this declaration to all the mem-

bers of the German empire, inviting them to unite their forces with his, to destroy their common enemy as speedily as possible, to found on his ruins permanent tranquility for themselves and their posterity.

"Should his imperial majesty of all the Russias perceive that they support his views, and rally around him, he will, instead of relaxing his zeal, redouble his exertion, and not to sheath his sword before he has seen the downfall of the monster which threatens to crush all legal authorities. But, should he be left to himself, he will be forced to recall his forces to his states, and to give up a cause to be badly supported by those who ought to have the greatest share in its triumphs.

Castibina, Sept. 25. (O. S.) 1799.

France.

PARIS, Oct. 25.

A ship with 250 French soldiers and 20 officers, belonging to the garrison of Corfu, have been taken by an Algerine corsair, and liberated again.

In Bourdeaux and other ports, an embargo has been laid on account of the projected failing of the Brett combined fleet.

The intelligence from Lyons, that fifty fall of shipping has appeared off Frejus, with the remains of the Egyptian French army, is false, as general Buonaparte has concluded a treaty with the Porte relative to the evacuation of Egypt.

October 29.

The speech of Maffaredo on presenting to the Executive Directory the credentials by which the Spanish government authorizes him to concert with that of the French republic everything relative to the destination of the combined fleets, was to the following purport.

Citizens Directors,

The interest both of France and Spain required the union of their naval forces: the experience of all wars, and especially of the present war attests the importance of this measure, as well by the disasters which have followed its neglect, as by the happy consequences which have resulted from its adoption. We may judge how far England is convinced of this by the efforts which made on the present occasion to prevent this junction, by assembling in the Mediterranean a naval armament, so vastly superior to ours even after their union. It cannot be doubted that this union will have more influence even than a victory on the success of the cause of the two allied powers.

M. Maffaredo then entered into some private details after which he concluded in the following terms.

To these evident proofs of the sincerity of his Catholic Majesty in his alliance with France, of the religious zeal with which his heart is attached to this happy principle, which must operate to the advantage of the two nations, to these clear evidences of the desire he has at all times had to concur by his arms to confound it, he now adds, that of leaving to your wisdom the care of employing them, confiding to me that of knowing the plans which you may form to this effect, imposing upon me the obligation of examining them of proposing to you my opinions, and of adopting and executing every thing which, in the result, may appear necessary, or expedient, in the same manner as I had received a formal order from himself. I should be aghast at this task, were I not encouraged by two emboldening considerations. 1st. By the opinion entertained by the king, my master whom I serve with all the powers of my understanding, without knowing any other road than that of truth, by explaining it with the simplicity of noble frankness, which ought to characterize it, by following no other guide than the interest and dignity of his name, and the good of my country. 2d. By the persuasion I have had that a long connexion with the French armie the distinguished place which I held in them, and the intimate relations which by this means I had with the generals, the captains, and other officers respecting the services, have made me merit from France the honorable reputation of being personally attached to this great nation with an ardor desire for its prosperity. Animated by these two motives citizens directors, I shall not hesitate to present to you freely my ideas respecting the plans which you may form for the employment of the naval forces against the common enemy. It cannot be denied that some unfortunate events have taken place; but besides that the combined armament at Brett is already so respectable the king my sovereign has still at Ferrol, and at Cadiz, a considerable force of which he can make use. Let us put the whole in motion with the energy, which characterizes both nations, in order to effect enterprises worthy of their grandeur, and let the exertion of its effects force England to an ho-

norable, solid and durable peace, conformable to the wills of the two governments, and to the voice of humanity. I have given an account citizens directors, to the king, my master, of all the proofs of co-operation which I have received from you, and of all the honorable attentions which have been paid me by your orders on my road from Brett to this capitol. His majesty desires me to thank you from himself—I discharge this duty with the double satisfaction of expressing to you at the same time, my personal gratitude for all the respect with which you have honored me, & of entreating you to join with the homage of my respect for the Executive Directory, the ardor of the zeal which I consecrate to France in the service of my delineation, as employed by its magnanimous and faithful ally, the Catholic king my sovereign.

R E P L Y
Of the President of the Directory.

SIR,

Not only the interest of the two allied nations, but of all the nations of Europe, is to unite against a power, puffed up by some successes purchased by treachery, or obtained by the number of its ships, still more than by the courage of those who command them, pretends exclusively to the dominion of the seas. The ambitious plan of its perfidious government are all known. From a small corner of the earth, which the sun appears to enlighten with regard, it pretends to rule the world, to preclude over the destinies of all states, to regulate the form of government of all nations. Not sufficiently recollecting that a province of France is able to conquer their whole island—the English, who are only dangerous to their allies, while interest and glory they compromise call upon themselves, by their insolent pretensions, the whole weight of the two Great Powers.

The executive directory, who lately expressed to the king of Spain, in the person of his ambassador, the sincere attachment of the French republic for the Spanish nation, rejoices in this new occasion of publishing its sentiments of esteem, of harmony and confidence, which render unalterable the alliance of two nations as generous as great. Thus the same month shall have conterminated, by two memorable epochs, this intimate connection between the king of Spain and the executive directory. The inauguration of the foundation of the republic shall dignify the one, by the remembrance of the principles of eternal justice, upon which the French people founded their power: the other, which cloathes itself in the solemnities of victories, will attest both the indefatigable activity, and the triumph of its power over its enemies. The executive directory, in approaching these two, were rejoiced to represent them to the king of Spain, as the most happy pledge which a great nation could offer to its allies. The one will recall to his mind the fidelity of the alliances of the French people, the other the energetic courage which it displays in defence of its friends. The moment is arrived at which the Spaniards, who so often placed themselves by their victories in the first rank of nations, are about to unite their glorious arms to the triumphant arms of the French. Soon perfidious England will learn what the magnanimous relentlessness of generosity can effect against duplicity, cold barbarity, and inmoderate ambition. Then this collusus, which by the impulsion of an imaginary greatness imposes upon its blinded admirers, will tremble to its base, of which in vain it attempts to disfigure the weakness. Then Europe will judge between the heroes who only triumph to give peace to the world, and the languid English, who only hold out the bait of their gold to purchase war, to corrupt weaklings, and to scatter discord.

What time was more worthy of this generous enterprise, than that in which the foil of Europe is about to be purged of those numerous hordes which northern barbarian has sold to British corruption, in which every where the Ruffian stones with his blood for his insolent audacity, in which Helvetia feels the yoke to which Austria meditated to subject her, broken, in which republican valor secures Batavia from the oppression of English spoilers, in which a complete Turkish army expiates the affar of Aboikir, in which, in fine, the English have experienced that wherever they debark their allies, even upon the borders of Egypt, there exists a Quibron.

The attention which we have to much pleasure in yielding you, Monsieur General, is due as well to the personal esteem which your distinguished talents have acquired; as to your honorable situation as commander of the naval forces of an allied nation; and the executive directory is pleased to confer the new marks of

confidence which the wife monarch who governs it has bestowed on you as a new proof of his attachment to the French republic, of his desire to give to the combined forces of the two nations, a direct on worry of both powers: of forcing, in fine, a government which has only the power of disturbing every other, to receive peace, of which its madnes has too long removed the blessings, desired as they have been by all the nations.

American Intelligence.

Virginia.

NORFOLK, January 14.

By a letter from a respectable public character in Philadelphia, we understand that it is probable, that major gen. Lee will be appointed commander in chief of the armies of the United States.—The high military character of this gentleman will, no doubt, make this appointment very acceptable to the army and the public in general.

ALEXANDRIA, January 18.

STATE OF VERMONT.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Windham, November 5, 1799.
Resolved, that the senators and representatives of this state, in the congress of the United States, be and they are hereby requested to use their best endeavors, that congress propose to the legislatures of the several states, the following amendment to the constitution of the U. States, to wit:

That the electors of president and vice president, in giving their votes, shall respectively distinguish the persons whom they desire to be president from the one they desire to be vice president, by annexing the word president or vice president, as the case may require, to the proper name voted for. And the person having the greatest number of votes for vice president, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors chosen, shall be vice president. And if there be no choice, and two or more persons shall have the highest number of votes, and those equal the senate shall immediately choose by ballot, one of them for vice president. And, if no person have a majority, then, from the five highest on the list, the senate shall, in like manner, choose a vice president. But, in choosing the vice president, the votes shall be taken by states: the senators from each state having one vote. A quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two thirds of the states and a majority of all the states, shall be necessary to a choice. And, in case the senators and representatives of this state in congress, shall find that the aforesaid amendment is not conformable to the sentiments of a constitutional majority of both branches of the national legislature, they are hereby requested to modify the same, as to meet the sentiments of such.

Provided however, That any amendment which may be agreed on, shall oblige the electors to designate the person whom they desire to be president, from the one whom they desire may be vice president. Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested, forthwith to transmit the same to the senators and representatives of this state in congress, and also transmit the same to the supreme executive of the several states.

Sent up for concurrence.
Attest,
SAMUEL C. CRAFTS, clerk.
In council, November 5, 1798. Read, and concurred unanimously.

Attest,
RICHARD WHITNEY, sec'y.
A true copy examined,
Attest,
RO. HOPKINS, sec'y of state.

RICHMOND, January 28

Col. RICHARD KENNON, of Mecklenburg county, is elected Speaker of the Senate of this state, in the place of ARCHIBALD STUART, Esq. appointed to the judiciary.

By the arrival of the Antelope we have a report which was current in Liverpool, stating that Buonaparte had put himself at the head of the troops in the vicinity of Paris, abolished the directory and the two councils, and assumed the supreme authority of the nation—or in other words, made himself that despicable thing called a king. The report adds, that Moreau was constituted the second in command, that is, grand vizier to sultan Buonaparte.

The British news-makers having failed in all their attempts to kill Buonaparte while he was in Egypt, and now that his person is no longer at their disposal, they have determined at least to damn his fame by making him a king.

Epit. Times.

Lexington, February 27.

Extract of a letter from a member of congress, to his friend in this place, dated Philadelphia, January 24th, 1800.

"The report of a revolution in Paris is this morning contradicted in a New-York paper—we hear that our commissioners have arrived in Paris and have fugitive hopes that an amicable treaty will be effected—until the result of their mission is known, no much benefit of importance will be derived for decision—the motion for reducing the army was negatived by a majority of twenty—the fedition law (commonly called so) on a motion to repeal the second fedition, was defeated with considerable warmth, but finally lost.—The report of the committee to whom was referred the complaint of Mr. Randolph on a breach of privilege is now under discussion."

The legislature of Virginia, with their wonted magnanimity and that liberality so accordant with found principles and virtuous views, have taken up the communications of the several states hostile to them on the alien and fedition laws; and in an able, dispassionate, and minute report, have discussed the objections to their opinions. The report consists of 91 pages octavo, close printing. From the 57th page, we extract the following luminous and incontrovertible arguments:

[We commenced the publication of the report in our paper No. 699, without knowing its extent; as the following arguments forms a summary of the whole, we shall decline the continuation as we flatter ourselves that this will be more acceptable to our readers, than to voluminous a publication.]

"1. The constitution supposes that the president, the congress, and each of its houses, may not discharge their trusts, either from defect of judgement, or other causes. Hence they are all made responsible to their constituents at the returning periods of election, and the president, who is greatly entrusted with very great powers, is, as a further guard, subjected to an intermediate impeachment.

"2. Should it happen, as the constitution supposes it may happen, that either of these branches of the government, may not duly discharged their trust it is natural and proper, that according to the cause and degree of their faults, they should be brought into contempt or disrepute, and incur the hatred of the people.

"3. Whether it has, in any case, happened, that the proceedings of either, or all of those branches, evinces such a violation of their duty as to justify a contempt, a disrepute, or hatred among the people, can only be determined by a free examination thereof and a free communication among the people thereon.

"4. When ever it may have actually happened, that proceedings of this sort are chargeable on all or either of the branches of the government, it is the duty as well as right of intelligent and faithful citizens to expose and promulgate freely, as well to controul them by the enforcement of the public opinions, as to promote a remedy according to the rules of the constitution. And it cannot be avoided, that those who apply the remedy must feel, in some degree, a contempt or hatred against the transgressing party.

"5. As the act was passed in July 14. '98, and it is to be in force until March 3, 1801, was of course, that during its continuance two elections of the entire house of representatives, an election of two thirds of the senate, and an election of a president, were to take place.

"6. That consequently, during all these elections, intended by the constitution to preserve the purity, or to purge the faults of the administration, the great remedial rights of the people were to be exercised, and the responsibility of their public agents to be screened, under the penalties of this act.

"5. May it not be asked of every intelligent friend to the liberties of his country, whether the power exercised in such an act as this, ought not to produce great and universal alarm? whether a rigid execution of such an act, in time past, would not have repreffed that information and communication among the people, which is indispensable to the just exercise of their electoral rights? and whether such an act, if made perpetual, and enforced with rigour, would not, in time to come, either destroy our free system of government, or prepare a convulsion that might prove equally fatal to it."

WANTED.

A quantity of well cleaned
FLAX-SEED,

by Macbean & Pozzer.

Lexington, 19, Feb. 1800

SACRED TO THE MUSES.

ADDRESS TO THE VIRTUES.

By PETER PINDAR.

All, Virtues! you are pretty looking creatures; but then, so meek and feeble in your natures;— Then, charming Crafty, now, for example, Who guard'st the luscious lip, and snowy breast, And all that maketh wifing shepherds blest, For bidding thieves on sacred ground to trample;

Appear but Love, the savage, all is lost; Faint, trembling, blushing, thou giv'it up the ghost: Lo, there's an end of all thy mimic care! The field so guarded, in the tyrant's power, Each fence torn down, despoil'd each mossy bower, All, is rudely plunder'd and laid bare.

Virtues! you blunder'd on our world, I fear— Design'd for some more gentle sphere; Where the wild passions storm ye not, nor tease ye; Where ev'ry animal's a mild Marchion.

I know your parentage and education— Born in the skies—a lofty habitation— But, for a perfect system were intended, Where people never needed to be mended.

How could you think the passions to withstand, Those roving blades so full of all command, Whose slight touch would pull all to pieces? They are Goliah's—but little Miffes!

Then pray go home again, each pretty dear— You but disgrace yourselves by coming here.

ANECDOTE.

A robber being brought to the place of execution to have his ears cut off, the executioner, proceeding to his office, found that the criminal had no ears. Body of Christ cried he, where are your ears? Body of his mother said the culprit, am I obliged to furnish you with ears?

SINGULAR ESCAPE.

Those libertines who are lavish of innocence again the female world, if it is possible for such to possess a passion which can be wrought upon, must feel a conviction of sympathy for the amiable fair, on the bare recital of the following adventure: indeed, that woman-four'd philosopher, who exclaimed on seeing a condemned female suspended upon the fatal tree—would to God every tree bore such fruit—that he lived until now, would have blushed at his despicable spleen, and instead of indulging such whimsical conceits of the sex, must have melted into compassion for the fair descendants of mother Eve, and have slip-nosed himself rather than died an old batchelor. A person who had been committed to the jail of Litchfield, in Connecticut, for counterfeiting money, was visited by his wife, who, possessing the engaging charms of her sex, was indulged by the jailor, to an admittance within the jail, without attendants; though, from the sequel to visit his spirit in prison, for the purpose of condolence, was not so much her object as to spirit him away; he having during the interview, perhaps told to a submitive obedience to wives, by inducing him to a voluntary surrender, not only of the breeches, but other apparel.—About dusk our petticoated hero, decorated in a federal cap, and other necessary appendages, was let out of the jail, and assuming an appearance of extreme grief, which excited the pity of observers, got off unnoticed; leaving his fair friend a prisoner in his stead. After giving him sufficient time to elude pursuit, our heroine discovered the plot, and returning her dress (which was returned) demanded liberation. The door being opened, she departed to enjoy the pleasing reflections of her successful adventure; and though the public might regret her triumph, they cannot but applaud the singular ingenuity and address of the feeling actres.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

AN acre on Sunday night last, a negro fellow named TOM, about 22 years of age, nearly 5 feet 5 inches high, his complexion inclining to a yellow, well made, had on a round jacket and overall of a drab color, and it is supposed he has a pass with him one purple coat, two pair of stockings, had on a black hat, and a red jacket in his pocket. As he speaks the French language tolerable well, perhaps he may try to pass for a French negro. Whoever will take up said fellow, and lodge him in any jail, or deliver him to the subscriber near Lexington, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges.

Eliza Winters,

February 17th, 1800.

WHEREAS I have passed sundry notes to John Hampshire, of Frankfort, which notes were lodged in the hands of other gentlemen in this place to collect for him; and as I have paid the whole amount of said notes, and have not yet got payment of them, this is to forewarning all persons from purchasing me or my notes, as I am determined not to pay them a second time.

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